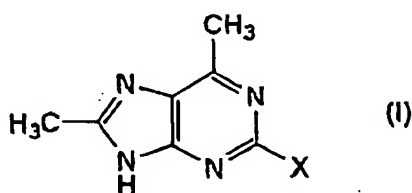


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

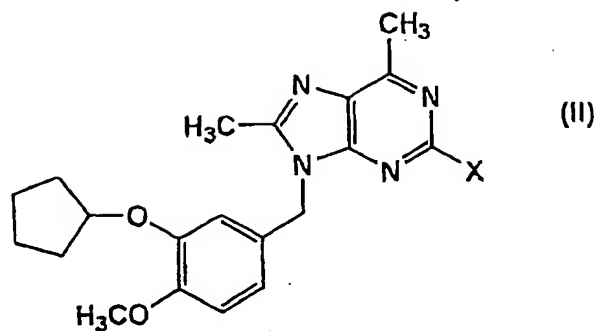
Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula (I), or a salt thereof:



where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$ or $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$, wherein n represents an integer of 0 - 4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, m represents an integer of 0 - 4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.

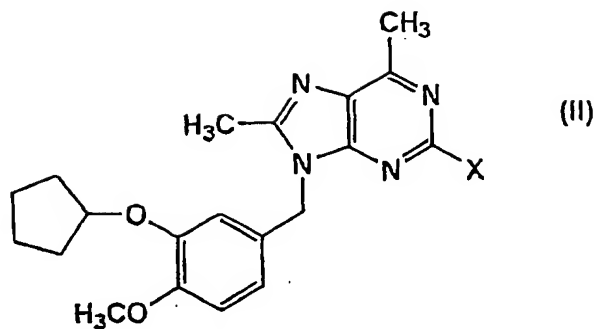
Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula (II), or a salt thereof:



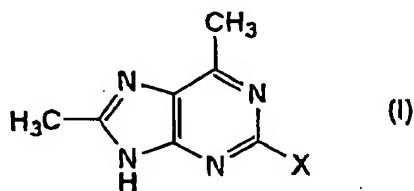
where X is a group represented by $-\text{SO}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, $-\text{SO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, $-\text{OSO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, $-\text{OCO}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$ or $-\text{OPO}(\text{OR})-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, wherein n represents an integer of 0 - 4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, m represents an integer of 0 - 4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.

Claims 3-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula (II) or a salt thereof, comprising reacting a compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula (I) or a salt thereof and a compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula (VI) or a salt thereof:

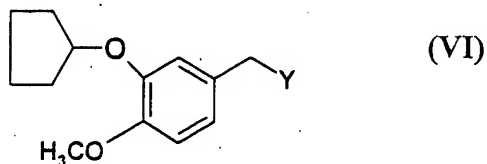


where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$ or $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$, wherein n represents an integer of 0 - 4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, m represents an integer of 0 - 4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group;



where X is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-S-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-SO-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-SO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OSO_2-(CH_2)_m-B$, $-OCO-(CH_2)_m-B$ or $-OPO(OR)-(CH_2)_m-B$, wherein n represents an integer of 0-4, A represents an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, m represents an integer of 0-4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms

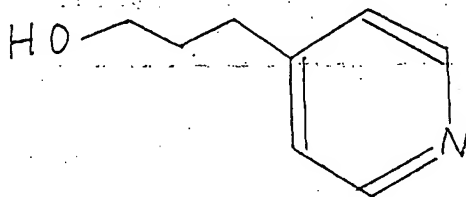
selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group;



where Y is a halogen atom or a group represented by $-\text{OSO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, $-\text{OCO}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$ or $-\text{OPO}(\text{OR})-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{B}$, wherein m represents an integer of 0 - 4, B represents an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic residue having 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom and having 5 to 10 ring-constituent atoms, and R represents an optionally substituted alkyl group.

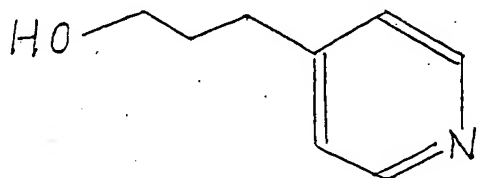
Claim 8 (New): A method for producing 4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl] pyridine N oxide, comprising:

reacting a compound produced by the method of the claim 7 or a salt thereof and a compound represented by the following formula,



and reacting the resulting compound with an oxidizing agent.

Claim 9 (New): A method for producing a dihydrate of 4-[[9-[(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy)benzyl]-6,8-dimethylpurin]-2-yl-oxymethyl] pyridine N oxide, comprising:
reacting a compound produced by the method of the claim 7 or a salt thereof and
a compound represented by the following formula,



reacting the resulting compound with an oxidizing agent, and adding water under hydrous conditions.